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Democratic Ticket.

For President in 1904:
JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER,
—or—
SEN. ARTHUR P. GORMAN.

A Merry Christmas to all our readers and friends!

The Kentucky Legislature will meet the first week in January.

Prepare products or minerals for the World's Fair. The Kentucky Exhibit will be a great one and we want Big Sandy to occupy the prominent place to which it is entitled.

Two Russians were sentenced to five and seven years' servitude for inciting the Jewish massacre at Kishinev, and twenty-two others were given from one to two years. A number of others were acquitted, and civil actions against forty-eight were dismissed.

In his biennial report to the Legislature, Auditor Coulter says the present revenues of the State will provide ample funds for the erection and furnishing of new Capitol buildings, and that the State would not have to borrow a dollar or increase the rate of taxation.

European diplomats are seeking to prevent war between Columbia and the United States. Gen. Rafael Reyes has been informed that such a step will be useless. If necessary the representatives of these countries at Bogota will be instructed to inform President Marroquin that Columbia cannot expect sympathy from the European Powers in any move she may make on Panama which would involve her in war with the United States.

DAVELLA.

Roland Setser called on his daughter at Odds Sunday. Aunt Bettie Blackburn and son Jasper, of Pleasant, were here Monday on business. Charley Delong, who has been at Matewan W. Va. for some time, has returned home where he will spend the holidays. Richard Butcher is visiting relatives at Inez. Miss Lucy Goble, who has been visiting relatives at Matewan for the past few months, returned to her home at Delong last week, accompanied by her cousin, Millard Goble. Nathan Deboard made a business trip to Inez Saturday. Misses Lou Williams and Minnie Delong, of Inez, contemplate a visit to relatives at this place next week. U. G. Polphrey was here Sunday on business. George Butcher was visiting relatives at Inez Saturday. Jasper James and Tobe McCoy made a business trip to Whitehouse Monday. Wells Ward killed five fine hogs Monday. J. P. Delong went to Inez Saturday. Miss Emma Setser has been absent from school for the past few weeks on account of the disagreeable weather. George Butcher is in the cross-tie business. John Nunberry, of Cowpen, Pike county, is visiting relatives at this place. Rev. Andrew of Inez, came here Sunday and intended to preach but didn't on account of the disagreeable weather. James Meglunis and N. Deboard left Monday for Blaine, where they will spend a few days.

"WILD ROSE."

Almond miscreants that would make a man bless his mother-in-law at the Louisa Bakery.

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Ayer's Pills greatly aid the Cherry Pectoral in breaking up a cold.

VESSE.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John Holbrook has been very sick for several days but is considerably improved at this writing. Roscoe Shortridge, our lady's man was on Catt Sunday. V. B. Shortridge will begin cutting his timber this week. Wm. Howell had the misfortune to lose one of his fine mules last week. He got his leg in a crack in the barn breaking it in two places and bruising himself so that there was no chance to save him. This makes two he has lost within the past year. Mrs. Alice Mays visited friends in Ashland last week. Marion Jordan has quit rabbit hunting and is using the yard stick at Oliveville. Austin Howell was at Ashland several days last week. Walter Miller and Isaac Cunningham attended lodge at Estep Friday night. Mrs. Walter Sexton, of Columbus, O., is visiting relatives here. Miss Nora Alley and Master Arla, of Prosperity, is visiting at Alfina Sexton's. Miss Ethel Sexton has been very sick with throat trouble, for several days. Miss Cassa Holbrook, of Hicksville, is visiting her brother here. Misses Nora Shortridge and Stella Cunningham were the guests of Misses May and Effie Webb, of Lizzie, last week. Theodore Coburn and Miss May Webb visited at V. B. Shortridge's Sunday. Dean Sexton, of Rosh, was here last week calling on old friends. James Woods was a business visitor to the Stable Branch last week. Jerry M. Cooksey passed here recently with a drove of fine cattle. Ed Queen says he is going to take his Christmas at home this year. Prof. Joel Cunningham closed a very successful term of school here last week. Isaac Cunningham and wife and daughter have gone to Jackson Co., W. Va., where they will spend the holidays.

Pythagoras.

MATTIE.

The weather is so bad that one can do nothing but sit by the fire and give order to pot on more fuel. The sick folks are all getting better on our creek except Jas. McComis folks who have typhoid fever yet. Joe Thompson has returned from W. Va., your scribe was mistaken in the place where A. L. Moore moved his saw mill. It was stated that he was going to move it to the Scarberry branch but it was the Bick Skillet fork of the Scarberry on L. C. Hays farm which mistake he wants corrected. H. K. Moore is building a fine house for his brother Mat on the head of Rich creek. T. L. Moore was hurt the other morning while bringing a barrel of flour down the stairs before daylight. He says it is a very hard way to get biscuits for breakfast. C. C. Hays and Dave Justice are still hauling ties to Louisa. Jeff Ball is still gathering corn. He says if he keeps on gathering he will have plenty to do him this season. Our school closed on the 16 inst., and our teacher is now going to move to Blaine near Cherokee. Sorry for T. T. to leave us. C. T. Bray was visiting squire Berry recently on business. A. L. Moore has bought another engine of Mr. Bevens of Georges creek. Jay Moore and partners are doing good business buying up furs to ship. Was sorry to hear of Mrs. Lon Hinkle of Charley getting kicked by a horse the other day. C. A. Back was visiting at B. F. Moore's recently. Bill Hayes children have been very sick, but are glad to say they are improving. Born to C. A. Brook and wife a boy named Otis K. 2 Boys.

Don't be imposed upon by taking substitutes offered for Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold by Louisa Drug Co.

CHESTNUT.

Della Murray of Whitehouse was visiting relatives at this place this week. Elias George who has been sick for some time, is improving. John Brown of Lost Creek has typhoid fever. Joe Borders and family attended church at Borders Chapel Sunday. Elliot Williams of Whitehouse has moved to Meeks Branch. Joe Brown and Drew Rose of Lost Creek passed through here a few days ago. Nathan George of Georges Creek visited his father at this place Sunday. Inka Daniels of Whitehouse is visiting her grandmas at this place. Bortia Prose of Louisa visited here recently. A. J. Williams of Farmers visited relatives here and at Whitehouse recently.

"BRUDDER BONES."

MAZIE.

Cross tie making is all the go here. Wm. Hay made a flying trip to Elkfork Sunday. W. B. Sparks was in our town Saturday cutting ties. H. H. Hay is our fur buyer. W. A. Hay is our preacher. Born to the wife of John Sparks, a 10 pound boy. Lee Skaggs and Stella Nichols were the guests of Alfred Skaggs Sunday. The boys are looking up the rusty bells and keeping a sharp eye on the preacher. The Rev. James Collier went through our town Sunday enroute to John Sparks. Uncle Ed.

Cream Puffs that are fit for a Queens table at the Louisa Bakery.

MONEY FOR FARMERS

An Open Letter to the Farmers of Lawrence County and Adjacent Sections.

For several months I have thought of writing an open letter to the farmers of this section on the subject of cattle raising for profit, but it seemed somewhat presumptuous for a merchant to attempt telling veteran farmers how to run their business; however, if any farmer will tell me how to double the profits of my business I will thank him for doing so. It is a spirit of good will at this Christmas tide that prompts this letter. First, let me ask farmers to carefully read the valuable article in the Daily Ironton Register of Dec. 15th, entitled "Cattle Raising in Lawrence Co.," by the able stockman Mr. John W. Armstrong. This article covers the first points I had in mind, viz: The excellent healthful breeding grounds the well watered hills and valleys of Lawrence county and adjacent section affords. The close proximity of good markets. The fact of being next neighbor to the finest corn producing areas in the United States, where there is a constant demand for feeders of good grade. And to whom cattle could be delivered from Lawrence Co. by a short easy drive instead of long, expensive, dangerous railway transportation as they are now compelled to submit to when buying cattle in the west.

The Jersey craze has done for the cattle of this section about what the Merino craze did for the sheep. Every one knows what a worthless carcass the little scrawny Merino affords, about all ribs and neck with small sunken hams looking about like a skinned rabbit. The introduction of this pesky stock has caused the sheep business to about run out in this section. Whereas, sheep and wool used to be a large item.

The hills are the native abode of sheep and with good large strains of stock and the present fair prices for wool sheep raising can be made profitable also. The history of the Jersey craze is familiar. With only a milk and butter idea Jersey bulls were introduced into the herds of almost every farmer in this section until now we have a breed of runts. Stock which when slaughtered produces a carcass of bone, sinew, muscles, with hardly any flesh fit for food. Cattle that weigh about 800 to 900 lbs., at full maturity and having a market value of bologna and glue stick in the stockyards viz: 2-3-4c delivered to the butcher. Let me illustrate.

This fall some friends from a large nearby farm in Kentucky called at my store inquiring about the butchers in Ironton. They had 10 or 12 head of fat cattle to sell in splendid order. I asked what the cattle would weigh. About 900 they answered. They made the round of the market and could not make a sale at 2½c delivered. They had previously gone over the Portsmouth market and could do no better there. Market overstocked at both places with this kind of cattle. About the same time a farmer near Mt. Sterling, Ky., about 50 miles from the first farmer had a bunch of cattle for sale. A Cincinnati butcher came to Mt. Sterling by train, drove out to his farm, looked at the cattle. Beantrey, weighing 2000 lbs., average, offered him 6c lb. The farmer thought such cattle would not him 7c in New York market. The butcher knew they would and gave him 7c lb. on the farm. Now it is an admitted fact, I think, that the small, hollow, runty stock will eat as much or more than the large well bred cattle. The cost of raising is no more.

The calculation will show taking large average 900 lbs. @ 2½c is equal to \$22.50, 2000 lbs. @ 7c is equal to \$140.00. A difference of \$117.50 in favor of the farmer who raised cattle for which there is a demand. We have not taken into this calculation the cost of and shrinkage by delivery against the 2½ cent cattle. This is an extreme case in both instances. The first from a glutted market where everybody wanted to sell to parties who did not want to buy. The latter a bunch of specially desirable cattle for which the butcher had a demand. These cattle would have brought the money paid for them readily in eastern markets.

The past three years it has been my privilege to attend the Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Convention, 1901 at San Antonio, 1902 at Fort Worth, 1903 at El Paso, Texas. This Convention assembles one of the finest bodies of men that come together in the United States. Many of them millionaires several times over. Bighearted, generous men to come in contact with them is like breathing the ozone of their boundless plains. In 1902 during the ceremonies by Swift & Co. and Armour for large packing houses, in 1903 at the fat stock show at Fort Worth they were formally opened for business. They are equipped with every modern convenience for handling stock. Pens under roof, bricks paved with excellent drainage. These yards have larger capacity than the Chicago plants. An idea

may be had of the magnitude of this business when we hear that the business of Swift & Co., alone, exceeds one million dollars per week. The stockmen in these conventions spoke of their cattle by the 25,000 to 50,000. Their "pastures" by the 100,000 acres. Their line fences by thirty to forty miles east to west or north to south. A gentleman on whose ranch I was invited to hunt said it is just twenty miles from my front gate to my front door. My host at San Antonio formerly owned a ranch of 100,000 acres near Fort Stockton and had handled cattle from the Rio Grande to the Yellowstone.

At Fort Worth last year the prize steer at the Fat stock show weighed 2763 lbs., and I saw it sold and led away at 15c per lb., on foot.

The previous year I saw a Durham weighing 3,000 lbs. On his broad back a man could lay a cot and sleep in comfort if he would stand still. From his thigh a steak could be cut across which a yard stick would fall to reach. I refer to Texas stock interests simply to give a glimpse of the magnitude of the cattle business. We look upon iron as being about everything and properly so (to one sense) it is the business of our region but in Texas iron business is looked upon as a little side issue in the United States.

Of course, Lawrence county can never compete with the great Southwest in cattle raising as a large industry. A man who does not own a thousand cattle in Texas is not considered in the business at all. A man who owns ten thousand is noticed as one getting into the business, when he has twenty to fifty thousand head is fairly a stockman.

The object of this letter—already too long—is to give a broader outlook and show farmers that if runty cattle weighing 800 to 900 lbs., can be raised and come out even—no loss—@ 2½c. Cattle well raised at same cost, weighing 1800 to 2,000 lbs., at same age and readily selling at 6c. (They were sold in train loads at 6c in Texas) ought to be one of the best paying investments known. No better time to change the class of stock in this region has presented itself in years as stock has been closely killed off this fall.

When the farms are restocked a little thought and investigation as to the kind of stock put on may result in money for the farmer against an even gain or possible loss if runts go back on the farm. Pointing to a pretty little Jersey cow at the Fort Worth stock show I said to a stockman: "What would you give for ten thousand like that turned loose in your herd?" He said: "If I wanted to raise stock for fun and have something pretty to look at it might do, but while I am raising stock for money, if a man tried to run ten thousand little things like that into my pastures to mix with my cattle for three years, I would put my cowboys out on the line and shoot them down the same as I would wolves. It would simply ruin me." That is what has been done to the cattle interests of this region. It is high time to follow men who raise cattle for money.

An old adage says: "He who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before is a benefactor to his race." This being true. He who grows 2000 lbs. of good beef where 1,000 lbs. of poor beef grew before should be a "Bonanza."

Sincerely Yours,
F. A. Dupuy.

CHARLEY.

Our school closed Tuesday with a handsome treat to the scholars.

Prof. Dean will begin his winter term soon.

Mrs. E. L. Moore, who has been confined to her room for some time, is able to be out again.

Mrs. A. L. Burton is improving.

Bill and J. C. Dean, Robt. and L. Cooksey of Fallburg, visited H. S. Dean last week.

Our Sunday school is preparing to have a Xmas tree on Xmas Eve beginning about 4 p. m. A good time is expected.

Jackson Fannin is selling out to move to Rock Castle in Lincoln county. Samuel Justice will move to Russell, Ky., soon.

Robt. Mead, and L. W. Spencer are hauling timber off their farms and will have it sawed into crockets.

Robt. Mead has taken out the old boiler and engine to his grist mill and replaced it with a new one, which will accommodate the people much better.

The singing school is progressing nicely with T. J. Dalton as instructor.

GLENWOOD.

There will be preaching here Saturday and Sunday by Rev. S. Hensley.

Hernia Webb, who has been at Ashland for some time going to school, has returned home to spend Xmas.

Dr. Hillman was a business visitor in Ashland Tuesday.

Hillman & Webb have their store moved to Dr. Hillman's.

Alonso Queen was in Ashland recently.

John B. Rife, of Yatesville, is here repairing the Glenwood and Denton telephone line.

Eliza Webb of Caney Fork is here spending Xmas with relatives.

Arthur Webb is visiting in Ashland this week.

Dave Webb, of Willard, was here Monday on business.

Dave Webb was visiting at Wiley Jones' one day last week. Whizzer.

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he will recover. His leg was amputated just above the knee Saturday and since the operation he has been resting very well.

The Triple State Natural Gas & Oil Company have just completed a well on Collins' branch about six miles from Eden which they were having drilled for gas. It is reported that the well has developed into an oil well, producing about three barrels a day. This only goes to prove that we have an oil field in Martin county which in our judgment will be developed. Martin County News.

The Monongahela Oil and Coal Company, of Fairmont, W. Va., has all the machinery on the ground and will commence drilling for oil, on the farm of Jeff Cooper next week. They have a standard machine and can go through to China if they want to. The driller, W. L. Cribbs, from Fostoria, Ohio, has had twenty years experience in the oil business, and if there's any oil on Jeff Cooper's farm he'll find it. W. E. Arnett is the superintendent, and that is a guarantee that the work will be well done. Salyersville News.

Blaine Spaulding was instantly killed, and his two brothers were fatally injured in an accident that occurred yesterday at Sand Bar Bend on Big Sandy river, where they were at work on the extension of the Norfolk & Western railroad.

The Three Spaulding brothers were working with a dinky engine, transporting drift from a cut to a fill on the roadbed of the new extension. The engineer who was operating the dinky had deserted it for a time, leaving it to be run by a small boy.

When the dinky cars had run out to the end of the fill, the boy was unable to stop the engine and it plunged over an embankment one hundred feet high. The Spauldings were caught by it, and one of them was killed, while the others were fatally injured.

A tragic feature in connection with the affair is that the father of the Spaulding boys had died only the day before the accident occurred.—Ex.

Four yoke of nice work cattle, four years old, in good condition, are right out of logging job. Will sell cheap. Apply at once, HENRY KENDALL, Gallip, Ky.

The city should by all means erect and maintain at the depot corner a street light between Jeems' stable and Robert Vinson's and the crossing at the depot, with out a light, is dangerous.

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